

Attachment "D"
(Clean copy of Amended Claims)

1. (Amended) A printing machine comprising:

a plurality of image formation units each of which serves to perform a printing operation on a printing sheet;

a paper feed unit which serves to supply said image formation units with printing sheets;

a printed sheet transportation unit which serves to transport the printing sheet having been printed from said image formation unit to a common output location;

an error detection unit which serves to detect an error occurring in said printing machine;

a storage device which serves to store an error classified table in which possible errors occurring in said printing machine are classified into at least one error with which the printing operation can be continued and at least one error with which the printing operation can not be continued; and

a control unit which serves to judge whether or not a current error as detected by said error detection unit is an error with which the printing operation of at least one of said image formation units can be continued or an error with which the printing operation of all of said image formation units can not be continued.

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7. (Amended) A method of reporting an error in the printing machine having a plurality of image formation units each of which serves to perform an printing operation on a printing sheet and a printed sheet transportation unit which serves to transport the printing sheet from said image formation unit to a common output location, said method comprising:

an error detecting step of detecting an error which occurs in said printing machine;

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an error judging step of judging whether or not a current error as detected by said error detecting step is an error with which the printing operation of at least one of said image formation units can be continued or an error with which the printing operation of all of said image formation units can not be continued; and

an error reporting step of reporting the error as detected in said error detecting step as well as information of whether or not the printing operation can be continued by said printing machine with the error.